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SUBJECT: LOCAL PERSONNEL: MILITARY LEAVE

REF: (A) ATHENS 5112; (B) ATHENS 6600; (C) STATE 136183
OF 27 JULY 1972; (D) STATE 165825

(1) THE BUREAU HAS EXPLORED ON AN URGENT BASIS THE
POSSIBILITIES FOR PAYING SALARIES OF EMBASSY LOCALS
RECALLED TO ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE. OUR INVESTIGATION
REVEALS THAT EMBASSY LOCALS ARE APPARENTLY COVERED BY
U.S. ANNUAL AND SICK LEAVE ACT OF 1951 AND CAN NOT,
THEREFORE, BE PAID FOR MILITARY SERVICE ON BEHALF OF THE
GOVERNMENT OF GREECE. SUCH ACTION WOULD CLEARLY BE
CONTRARY TO U.S. LAW (5 USC 6325 REFERS).

(2) WE WERE SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT THE EMBASSY HAD

ALREADY BEEN GIVEN COMPREHENSIVE GUIDANCE ON THIS ISSUE IN
1972 (REFTEL C). CONCERNING IMPLICATIONS OF FAILURE TO
REVISE THE EMBASSY LEAVE PLAN TO CONFORM TO GREEK LAW AND
CUSTOMS.

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(3) BUREAU REGRETS THAT IT IS UNABLE AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF
EMPLOYEES ON ACTIVE DUTY, AND SUGGESTS THAT EMBASSY MAY

NOW WISH TO TAKE ACTION ALONG LINES SUGGESTED BY
THE DEPARTMENT IN STATE 165825. KISSINGER

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